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## QUEBEC'S FOREST POLICY.

The progressive attitude of the Quebec Government toward the conservation of its forest resources is indicated by a recent conference at Quebec between the Minister of Lands and Forests and representatives of the Woodlands and Technical sections of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association and the Quebec Limit Holders' Association. This meeting discussed the whole question of the revision of regulations governing the methods of cutting timber on provincial Crown Lands. Arguments were advanced favoring the adoption of some substitute for the present diameter limit method of regulation, which does not work out satisfactorily inasmuch as it does not leave the cutting area in a condition to produce a second crop of wood.

The question of the conditions under which denuded Crown Lands might be reforested, through co-operation between the Provincial Government and the limit holders, was also discussed. The pulp and paper companies are particularly concerned with this aspect of the problem, in view of their heavy investments in plant and equipment, which necessitate the adoption of a long-time view point.

Following this meeting, a committee was appointed to prepare definite recommendations to the Provincial Government. This definite recognition of the need for change in present methods of operating timber lands of the province, as well as for a comprehensive programme of reforestation on denuded Crown Lands, is most encouraging.

On the night of November 7th, fire broke out in a large planing mill and sash and door factory at Ottawa. The building has a complete sprinkler system and, though the very inflammable nature of the contents enabled the blaze to reach the roof, the fire inside was quickly extinguished by the sprinklers and without any important damage. The fire on roof was soon overcome by a single stream from a fire hydrant. But for the effective work of the sprinkler system this large factory would have been a total loss. The sprinkler installation saved a valuable plant for the company and continuous employment and a regular pay envelope for the employees.

The high price of milk was responsible for a seven-month-old baby being abandoned by its father in the Grand Central Station, New York, on Monday, according to a note found in the child's hat by the police. "Can't afford him, on the price of milk they are charging today," said the note. "There are others I am trying to support." The infant was turned over to the police by a man who said another man had asked him "to hold the baby" until he came back.

A man walked into a Wall Street, N. Y., brokerage house and laid down a stock certificate for 50,000 shares in a Peruvian mining venture. "I paid

4 cents a share for that stock five years ago," said he, "and forgot about it. Is it worth anything?" He almost dropped when told that the stock has a market value of 95 cents a share today. This does not often happen.

Mr. Hill, lockmaster at Buckhorn, Ont., experimented with a pine tree to determine improved growth which may be secured with proper care. Fifteen years ago he pruned all the lower branches off a four-inch white pine sapling, removed other saplings from its vicinity, dug up the earth around it and applied manure to its base. It is now 19 inches in diameter at its base and has a long, clean bole. Thus during the 15 years the growth in diameter has averaged one inch annually.

An Ottawa despatch intimates that Sir Robert Borden will soon resign the Premiership and retire from public life. Sir Robert has held office since the overthrow of the Laurier government in September, 1911. The cares and worries of office have told upon his health and he is anxious to get rid of the burden. The impression seems to prevail in many quarters that after Sir Robert will come "the deluge."

Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance, announces a change of plans regarding a general tariff enquiry, and states that it is now proposed to obtain written statements from all interested to be made the basis for a general public enquiry to be held throughout the country later.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Eight more shopping days.

Man laughs at the weather bureau, but the weather bureau laughs last.

Christmas would be a long time getting here if it waited until we were all ready for it.

Love may continue to laugh at locksmiths, but nowadays it is disposed to weep at landlords.

Among obstacles in the way of new political parties, hereditary principles are the strongest.

After pocketing his fee, the congratulations of the minister officiating at a wedding are genuine.

No doubt the muskrat has no desire of his own to go into the fur trade on the seal's reputation.

Pedestrianism is slow but sure. It is simply a question of standing the wear and tear.

Man cuts off his nose to spite his face and then tries to make himself believe he has improved his appearance.

## Died in Bangor

Bangor News: Mrs. Leon E. Severance died at her home at 307 Broadway on Friday morning at the age of twenty-nine years, eight months and seven days. She was before her marriage Miss Edith May Blizzard. She is survived by her husband and daughter Pauline, and five sisters Mrs. C. J. Toner and Miss Beatrice Blizzard of Fredericton, Mrs. Judson Drew of Brewer, Me., Misses Dora and Ethel Blizzard of Bangor, and a brother Chester Blizzard of Fredericton. Mrs. Severance was a member of the St. John's Episcopal church of this city. She was a young woman whose death takes from her family a devoted wife and mother, a loving sister and the deepest sympathy is extended to those so bereaved by the untimely ending of a beautiful life, the passing of one whose life meant much to those who knew her.

## SUMMARY OF MORNING NEWS

Montreal, Dec. 14—Major General S. C. Mewburn, Minister of Militia, speaking at a banquet in honor of Major General E. W. Wilson, intimates that some form of permanent compulsory service in the Canadian permanent forces or the militia was in contemplation. Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Naval Defence, announced at the banquet that the government would shortly bring down naval proposals based on Admiral Jellicoe's advice and that ships would be the last word in naval defence.

Quebec, Dec. 14—Delegation from Laval University waits on Sir Lomer Gouin asking assistance following the fire. Sir Lomer holds out hopes of a million dollar grant and suggests Montreal raise another two millions.

Paris, Dec. 14—It has been ascertained that Premier Clemenceau on his visit to England broke a rib through falling on destroyer while crossing channel. No danger anticipated.

Washington, Dec. 14—Senator Hitchcock, democrat, urges compromise on peace treaty through committee of conciliation.

Fiume, Dec. 14—D'Annunzio agrees to hand over command of the city to troops of the regular Italian army.

New York, Dec. 14—Former German liner Graf Walckensee found ablaze in New York harbor. She is 15,000 ton vessel and was used as an American army transport.

Melburne, Dec. 14—Virtually complete election returns of the Australian general election show the government returned to power through a combination of parties not antagonistic to it. Premier Hughes and several ministers elected.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14—Speech by Rev. Mr. Ivens read in evidence at the trial of R. B. Russell, strike leader, here stated that "the parliament of the city is now in the labor temple instead of the city hall" and with reference to the war between capital and labor "if you will but stand firm for a short time we will bring them cringing on their knees to you, saying: 'What must we do to be saved.'"

Ottawa, Dec. 14—"I have nothing to say about the matter," was the reply today of Premier Borden when questioned as to the truth of a persistent rumor that his resignation was impending. The Premier refused to confirm or deny the rumor, and it is felt that in view of his health it is quite probable he may be compelled to relinquish office. White, Meighen, Rowell and Calder are freely mentioned as possible successors.

## LOCAL NEWS

## Looking for Refunds

New Glasgow Chronicle: The good luck of Acker, the Halifax theatre man in having \$11,000 conscience money returned to him, presumably from some poker player, is, it is said, making some local followers of the games anticipate similar refunds in their direction.

## Were Non-Layers

A citizen who decided to become a backyard poultryman, purchased a number of choice pullets a short time ago, which he was allowed to personally select from the flock. He took them home, fed them nearly a month and then made the startling discovery that about half of the lot were roosters.

## Condition Remains Unchanged

The Minto miners strike remains unchanged according to reports received this morning from William Hayes, Board member of the U. M. W. and John Henderson manager of the Minto Coal Company. Mr. Hayes stated that everything at Minto was very quiet and the company had shown no signs of making any advances toward settlement. Mr. Henderson merely stated that the company intended to stand firm upon the award of the conciliation board.

## United Farmers' Meeting

A meeting of the United Farmers was held on Saturday afternoon at the County Court House to discuss the purchase of a site for the United Farmers' Store in this city. Nothing of any importance was decided upon as the meeting was not very largely attended. A meeting will be held in this city the coming Thursday. At that meeting officers who were absent Saturday will give information relative to the suggested purchase of the Sanson & McNally business.

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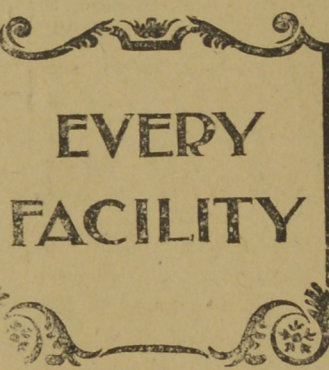
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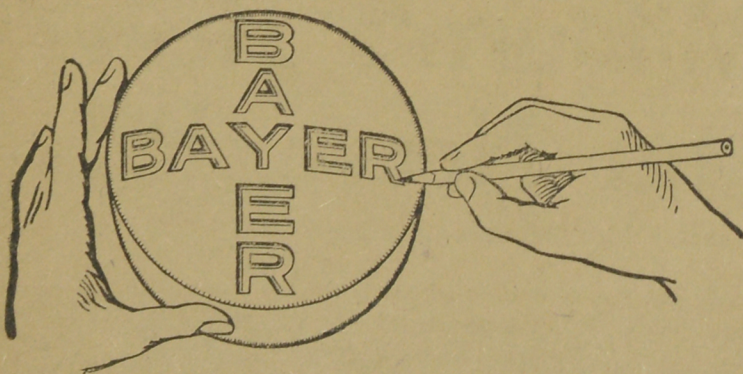
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